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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S SEPTEMBER TRIP TO ALBERTA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA

1. CONSULATE GENERAL VANCOUVER INDICATES THAT FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MIGHT BE ASKED THE AMBASSADOR BY MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE OR PRESS FOLLOWING HIS SEPTEMBER 25 SPEECH SPONSORED BY VANCOUVER INSTITUTE. EMBASSY REQUESTS EUR/CAN TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE REGARDING POSSIBLE ANSWERS. NOTES FOLLOWING FUBJECT HEADINGS SUGGEST POSSIBLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION OR GUIDANCE REQUIRED.

A. TRIDENT BASE (EUR/CAN: KRUSE OR CLEMENT AND OES/SCI/AE: KRATZER)

(1) IN VIEW OF RECENT NUCLEAR ACCIDENT AT HANFORD NUCLEAR POWER STATION, DOES U.S. PLAN TO CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT TRIDENT FIRST STRIKE NUCLEAR SUBMARINE BASE AT BANGOR, WASHINGTON?

(2) WHY DID U.S. PLAN THIS BASE WHOSE SUBMARINES WILL PASS THROUGH CANADIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS IN THE STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA WITHOUT CONSULTING CANADIAN GOVERNMENT OR THE CANADIAN PEOPLE?

(3) WHY DID U.S. CHOOSE BANGOR AS A SITE FOR THE TRIDENT BASE IN VIEW OF THE DANGER OF NUCLEAR ACCIDENT

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IN THE NARROW STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA AND THE DANGER

THAT NUCLEAR WASTE RELEASED FROM SUCH AN ACCIDENT MIGHT  
POSE TO ECOLOGY OF THE AREA?

(4) IN ANSWERING THE ABOVE THREE QUESTION, THE  
FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED:

-- WILL NUCLEAR SUBS HAVE TO PASS THROUGH CANADIAN WATERS?

-- WHAT IS THE LEGAL BASIS FOR NUCLEAR SUBS TO PASS  
THROUGH CANADIAN WATERS AND STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA?

-- IS THIS INNOCENT PASSAGE?

-- IS THERE US-CANADIAN AGREEMENT ON SUCH PASSAGE?

-- DID US DISCUSS THIS WITH GOC IN PJBD OR ELSEWHERE?

-- HAVE THERE EVER BEEN ANY NUCLEAR SUBMARINE ACCI-  
DENTS INVOLVING DISCHARGE OF NUCLEAR WASTE OR REACTOR  
FAILURE AT SEA?

-- PRECISELY, WHAT WAS THE NATURE OF THE ACCIDENT AT  
HANFORD NUCLEAR POWER STATION?

B. FISHERIES (OES/OFA/FA: CLARK-BOURNE)

(1) WHAT PROVISIONS WILL THE NEW SALMON TREATY MAKE  
TO CORRECT THE PRESENT IMBALANCE BETWEEN THE CANADIAN  
AND AMERICAN SALMON CATCH?

(2) WHAT IS THE US VIEW OF THE PROPOSED MACGREGOR  
RIVER DIVERSION AND THE CONSEQUENT 10 PERCENT DECLINE  
IN THE FRASER SALMON RUN ?

(3) REGARDING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN FISHERIES AND  
BOUNDARIES NEGOTIATIONS:

-- MAY AMBASSADOR SAY THAT BOUNDARY AND FISHERIES  
NEGOTIATIONS ARE PROCEEDING RAPIDLY IN PARALLEL,  
THAT IS, A "SOFT LINK" BETWEEN THE TWO, OR SHOULD  
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THEY BE CHARACTERIZED AS BEING ENTIRELY SEPARATE?

-- ARE THE AB LINE AND THE EXTENSION OF THE BOUNDARY  
FROM JUAN DE FUCA STRAIT BEING CONSIDERED SEPARATELY  
OR ARE THEY LINKED?

-- HOW DOES THE AIB LINE BOUNDARY NEGOTIATION AFFECT  
FISHERIES TALKS?

C. NUCLEAR PLANTS AT SEDRO WOOLEY AND RICHLAND  
(OES/SCI/AE: KRATZER)

(1) THE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT AT SEDRO WOOLEY IS LOCATED JUST EIGHT MILES FROM AN ACTIVE GEOLOGICAL FAULT. IN VIEW OF THE DANGER THAT THIS POSES TO THE BRITISH COLUMBIA LOWER MAINLAND AND IN VIEW OF THE INADEQUATE NUCLEAR SAFEGUARDS REVEALED BY THE RECENT HANFORD NUCLEAR EXPLOSION, DOES THE U.S. PLAN TO CONTINUE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SEDRO WOOLEY PLANT?

(2) ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS SIMILAR TO (1) ABOVE THAT MIGHT BE ASKED? IF SO, PROVIDE APPROPRIATE RESPONSE.

D. COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY (L/EUR: GUDGEON)

(1) ARE THERE ANY PLANS TO REVISE THE INEQUITABLE COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY? MANY CANADIANS FEEL THAT IT HAS BENEFITED THE US FAR MORE THAN CANADA. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW?

(2) AMBASSADOR ASKS WHAT ARE US VIEWS ON A REVISION OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER TREATY AND WHAT IS AT STAKE.

E. GREAT LAKES CLEANUP (EUR/CAN: JOINIETZ)

(1) HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THE FAILURE OF THE US TO LIVE UP TO THE GREAT LAKES WATER QUALITY AGREEMENT OF 1972?

(2) WHEN WILL THE US BE ABLE ADEQUATELY TO TREAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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95 PERCENT OF THE SEWAGE ENTERING THE GREAT LAKES AS CANADA IS NOW DOING, INSTEAD OF THE 60 PERCENT IT NOW ADEQUATELY TREATS?

(3) AMBASSADOR ASKS WHETHER THERE IS AN APPROXIMATE TARGET DATE FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF THE 95 PERCENT TREATMENT LEVEL. IS 1980 A REASONABLE APPROXIMATE TARGET DATE?

F. SKAGIT VALLEY - ROSS DAM (EUR/CAN: JONIETZ)

(1) DOES THE US PLAN TO FLOOD THE NEARLY FIVE THOUSAND ACRES OF PRIME RECREATION AREA IN THE SKAGIT RIVER VALLEY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA TO PROVIDE POWER FOR SEATTLE?

G. CABIN CREEK COAL PROJECT (EUR/CAN: JONIETZ)

(1) THIS PROJECT HAS RAISED SERIOUS CONCERN IN THE US (MONTANA IN PARTICULAR) ABOUT CROSS-BORDER WATER AND AIR POLLUTION. WHAT IS THE USG POSITION AND WHAT IS THE STATUS OF CONSULTATIONS WITH BRITISH COLUMBIA AND CANADA?

(2) PLEASE PROVIDE BRIEF WRAPUP OF CABIN CREEK SITUATION AS A RESULT OF CURRENT MEETINGS.

H. WEST COAST TANKER TRAFFIC (EUR/CAN: BLAKEMORE)

(1) HOW FAR OUT TO SEA WILL US TANKERS TRAVEL ON ALYESKA ROUTE?

(2) AT WHAT POINT WILL TANKER ROUTES ENTER CANADIAN JURISDICTION?

I. SPRINT MISSILES (EUR/CAN: KRUSE/CLEMENT)

(1) REQUEST PERTINENT UNCLASSIFIED DETAILS OF OPERATION OF SPRINT MISSILE SYSTEM IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO POSSIBLE QUESTION REGARDING CHARGE THAT U.S. AIR DEFENSE BATTLES WILL BE FOUGHT OVER CANADA.

2. REQUEST DEPARTMENT SUPPLY GUIDANCE ON AS MANY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THESE QUESTIONS AS POSSIBLE BY 1200 HOURS SEPTEMBER 21 AND TRANSMIT REMAINDER AS AVAILABLE GIVING AMCONSUL VANCOUVER AS INFO ADDRESSEE.  
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